

Letter of Comment

Name (first and last)

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Comment: Please specify the reasons for your interest in the proceeding, your views concerning the proceeding, any relevant information that supports or explains your views, the conclusion you support and any recommendations. The Commission may disallow comments that do not comply with the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

As a City of Surrey resident and Fortis BC customer, I would like to write and voice my options on the recent letter received regarding order No. G-98-17. The letter I received in my household firstly was not easy to read for common resident and was not designed keeping the average literacy rate of City of Surrey residents in mind. (Anything above Grade 8 level is not recommended for communication to the Public especially if it requires them to respond with their opinions). Having said that, from what I gather from the letter from BCUC, the two parties (City of Surrey and Fortis BC) have entered into interm agreement which still has unresolved terms for operating agreement which is to replace the 1957 agreement.

It is evident that the new distribution equipment and development is needed in every field in order to provide the same service. However as heavy tax payers the cost to fund such new developments should be something which should be agreed upon to fund by the two parties (City of Surrey which get the tax from its residents and Fortis BC). As a customer, it does not seem to be a fair to contribute to fund for the costs for such developments considered the customers are already paying for the services being used. It should be the City's job and role to provide for such equipment in order for the residents to continue received quality utility services.

Both City of Surrey and Fortis BC has increased costs for the residents on consistent bases, for example, increased house taxes and increased gas rates which residents pay due to inflation. Keeping that in mind, it would only make sense for the City and Fortis BC to use such funds collected in name of inflation to fund for such projects as well and not ask the residents to pay separately into such new developments .

Thank You for the opportunity to provide feedback for this hearing.